

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's review of the Application and claims set forth in the Office Action. Applicant provides the foregoing Amendments and following Remarks in order to respond to the Examiner's Office Action. Favorable reconsideration of this Application in view of this Response is respectfully requested.

Examiner Interview Summary

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's interview summary and agrees the summary is accurate. Applicant appreciates Examiner's time in this regard.

To The Specification

Applicant appreciates Examiner's identification of minor typographical errors in the specification. Applicant has corrected the errors of which Application is aware.

To The Claims

Pending claims 1-21 stand rejected. Claims 1-19 are hereby cancelled, and all claim rejections thereto are thus obviated. Claims 20-21 are amended. Claims 22-26 are new.

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as lacking correct antecedent basis. Applicant has corrected Claim 20 as suggested by the Examiner with respect to this rejection. Applicant appreciates Examiner's suggestion in this regard. The Claim 20 also stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schneier in view of Borman et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,437,026 ("Borman"). However, as discussed during the interview, neither Schneier nor Borman show the claim limitation of "...decrypting a proper subset of the temporary, encrypted copy of the file in a function local to a trusted application when performing a read operation; and decrypting a proper subset of the temporary, encrypted copy of the file in a function local to a trusted application when performing a write operation..." In fact, neither Schneier nor Borman show any encryption/decryption functions being performed in a function local to a trusted application. As this element is entirely missing from the cited art, Applicant believes claim 20 is allowable.

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 because the meaning of "it" is unclear. Applicant has amended claim 21 to replace "it" with "the temporary copy." The rejection under 112 is believed obviated. Claim 21 also stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schneier in view of Borman. As with claim 20, claim 21 includes the limitation of "decrypting a proper subset of the temporary copy in a function local to a trusted

application...” when performing a read/write operation. Neither Schneier nor Borman show performance of these operations in a function local to a trusted application. As such, these references do not show each and every element of the claim. The rejection is thus believed to be obviated.

Each of new claims 22-26 includes steps of performing an input-output operation that include encryption/decryption in a local function. Applicant asserts, and the Examiner has agreed in the interview, that none of the references of record show this limitation alone or in combination. As such, Applicant believes each of the new claims are allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant has amended the claims and added claims in the present application as set forth herein above. Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the present application and the claims as set forth herein.

Should the Examiner be of the opinion that further amendments or formal changes are required in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is advised to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth herein in order to discuss and expedite the issues.

A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of time is submitted herewith.

No other fees are believed to be owed in connection with the submission of these amendments. However, please charge any fees that might be due in connection with this paper to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account 12-0913 with reference to file 41322-100691.

Respectfully submitted,
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